

Amendment and Response

Applicant: Gary B. Gordon et al.

Serial No.: 09/812,252

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Title: IMPEDANCE SENSING SCREEN POINTING DEVICE

REMARKS

The following remarks are made in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed December 14, 2005. In that Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, and 19 under the judicially-created Doctrine of Obviousness-Type Double Patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 11 of Wallace, U.S. Patent No. 6,621,483 ("Wallace"). Claims 3-18 and 20-35 were rejected under the judicially-created Doctrine of Obviousness-Type Double Patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 11 of Wallace in view of Edwards, U.S. Patent No. 5,194,862 ("Edwards").

With this Amendment, clarifying amendments have been made to the Summary of the Invention and the Abstract to correspond to language used in the independent claims. Claims 1-35 remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Rejections under Doctrine of Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-35 are in form for allowance and are not taught or suggested by the cited references. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 1-35 is respectfully requested.

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No fees are required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)(c). However, if such fees are required, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1078.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's representative at the below-listed telephone numbers to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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